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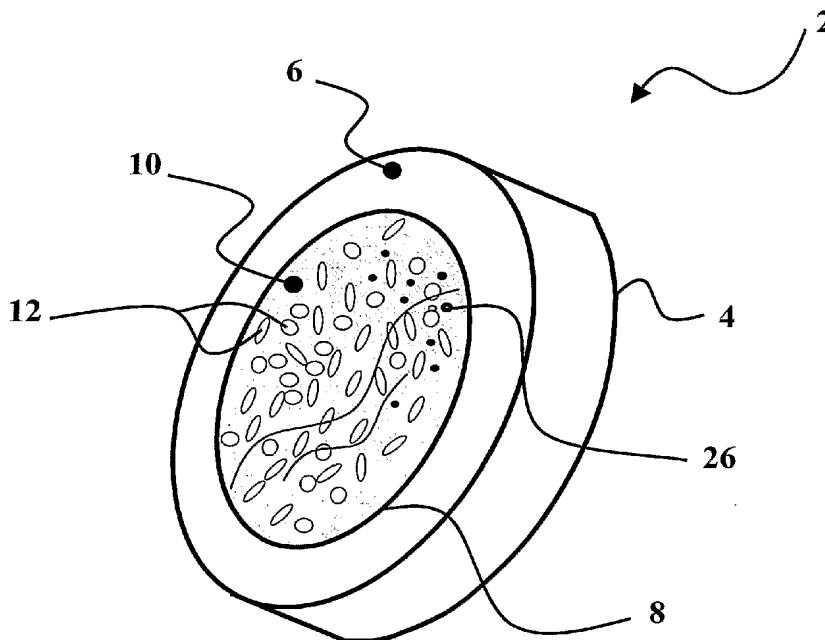
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(57) Abstract: An optical reference standard (2) for wet foodstuffs includes an optical reference material (10) comprising a binder (14) and a cereal (12) formed into a matrix to fixedly hold an amount of water. The reference material (10) being constituted with the binder (14), the cereal (12) and the water present in amounts to provide the reference standard (2) with desired spectral, mechanical and temporal characteristics.

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